

# News

## Auto crash kills 4 in Sokoto

**F**our passengers lost their lives in a motor accident along the Sokoto Talata-Mafara road on Tuesday. The accident involving a 14-seater Toyota Hiace occurred at about 2.00pm when an overtaking lorry forced the driver of the Toyota bus to abandon the highway into a ditch.

Narrating the story to *Daily Trust*, the Chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) bus branch, Sokoto, Alhaji Idi Gwari said all the four passengers who lost their lives were women.

According to him, the bus left Sokoto at about 1.00pm on Tuesday for Jos with 14 passengers and was involved in an accident shortly after Tureta local government area.

He said one of the women who lost their lives in the accident was traveling with two of her children who are now responding to treatment at the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital (UDUTH) Sokoto.

Malam Idi Gwari however said against the normal system of taking down the names of passengers at the motor park before drivers embark on a journey, the union is facing a temporary problem which has forced it to suspend writing down names and telephone numbers of someone close to passengers in situation like this.

He therefore confessed that the two children at the hospital would have to remain in the custody of the authorities until their relations have been contacted "since nobody knows any of their relations as at now".

The union chairman

From Aminu Mohammed,  
Sokoto

the name of the driver of the Toyota bus with registration number XA402 SAA as Lawal Komi Sabo who is from Kware local government area of Sokoto state.

He said the driver sustained chest injuries but has been discharged from the hospital and is now receiving local treatment in Hamma'ali village.

At the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, the Public Relations Officer, Malam Sidiqqe Tijjani confirmed the story and said the four corpses

were deposited at the mortuary but those that have been identified have been given away to their relations.

When *Daily Trust* called at the casualty ward, two of the accident victims along with the two children who lost their mother in the accident were responding to treatment.

However, hospital authorities confirmed that the two children Nasiru 5, and Nuhu 2 are temporarily at the hospital's custody since their relations have not been identified but as soon as their relations are identified they would be released to them.

Nasiru 5 who is the elder

brother of Nuhu told *Daily Trust* that the name of their father is Baban Jamilu while their late mother's name was Yar'dubu.

According to him, their father is in Jalingo where they were traveling to last Tuesday and were involved in an accident.

However, the NURTW bus branch, Sokoto told *Daily Trust* that the woman may have come from Gada to Sokoto on her way to Jalingo in Taraba state to meet her husband. At the Sokoto state Police Command, the PPRO was said to have been attending a conference.

